## Hello:

Comments for the State Legislature Planning and Development Committee:

I strongly urge support for the above referenced bills. As a bicyclist, mountain biker, hiker and orienteer, I use the public lands of Connecticut a lot and very much enjoy the recreational aspect. The recreational liability statute needs to be updated to offer extend protections to municipalities and non-profit municipal corporations so all of us can enjoy those properties without risk to the "owners".

And as everyone knows, Americans are gaining lots of weight. Any additional opportunities to get out and move will help this. Approving these bills will help make more opportunities available.

I urge the Committee to support these bills and explicitly list "bicycling" and "mountain biking" was one of the recreational activities to be covered.

Thank you for listening. Eric Schonenberg 159 State Route 37 New Fairfield, CT 06812